



GVMC Holds Board Strategic Plan Update

The GVMC Board recently held its second strategic planning session facilitated by Dr. Lew Bender. He opened the meeting my saying, *“GVMC over the past several years has established itself as a major force in West Michigan. Through new leadership and the strategic planning of the Board and Staff, GVMC is expanding it’s roles and influence throughout the region and State.”*

At this session, the Board focused on two key questions. “What should the Board’s role be in each of the GVMC strategic goal areas?, and What will the Board be

able to accomplish in each area over the next year? It was a very positive session for the staff and members of the Board of Directors.



Proposal 1 Press Conference

Recently there was a press conference held in Grand Rapids in support of Proposal 1. The presentation included representatives of business and government. Four of our GVMC mayors attended the event. Also speaking at the press conference were Sheriff Koops of Allegan County, Mike Jandernoa from the Board of Directors at Perrigo Company, Chief Dan Rahinsky of the Grand Rapids Police Department and Derek Nofz, of Southwest Michigan First.

Each of the speakers highlighted the importance of passage of Proposal 1 and the need to fix our roads and bridges. Safety was the focus of the presentations.

It was a good press conference that was well attended by the media.



(L-R) Mayor Stephen Kepley of Kentwood, Allegan County Sheriff Blaine Koops, Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell, Wyoming Mayor Jack Poll, Grandville Mayor Steve Maas.

Save the Date!

Grand River Spring Forum

Day: May 1, 2015

Time: 8:30-11:30 am

Location: Downtown Market



Everyone is invited! Please save the date for this meeting. [RSVP to Gayle at McCrathg@gvmc.org](mailto:McCrathg@gvmc.org) See the link at 2015springforum.eventbrite.com